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Equal Time

What should be done about the scheduling of national holidays?
BISHOP KEARNEY

JIM CRIST
Senior
co-editor, Coronet

"I think the Monday holidays are a good idea. It gives families a chance to be together otherwise you might have a mother who has to work and father who doesn't then the family can't be together. Also, it is hard to go away for just one day. The holidays should be made uniform throughout the country. It makes it easier and avoids confusion."



BOB NICOSIA
Sophomore
forensics

"I think it matters which holiday it is — Memorial Day, people are used to having on the Monday so why change now. In instances such as the 4th of July you wouldn't be able to change that because then it wouldn't be the 4th. The holidays should be on the same day for everyone."



DAN DeGEORGE
Freshman
track

"They should all be on the same day throughout the country and all on Mondays except for July 4th because our Independence Day is on the 4th. Christmas Day should stay on the 25th of December."



JEANNINE QUINN
Freshman
tennis

"Well some should be changed and they should make them all on the same day — on Mondays. However, I like to celebrate the 4th of July on the 4th. The holidays should be a set day throughout the country."



PETER SHIELDS
Junior
gymnastics

"I think it depends on the holiday. Memorial Day should be on a Monday. I think the 4th of July should stay on the traditional date. But I think whatever is decided it should be the same right across the country."



JANICE SPALMA
Junior

"I think they should keep the holidays on their traditional days although it is nice to have long week-ends but we're more used to the traditional times and they should be conformed with throughout the United States."



BARB BEMENT
Sophomore
track

"It depends on the holiday. They can't move the 4th of July, it wouldn't be the same — whoever heard it being celebrated on the 7th. The country should all be the same — quit splitting them up because it becomes confusion."



MEGAN MACKENZIE
Senior
library

"If we all went along with the federal government there wouldn't be the chaos. It depends on what holiday — Christmas and July 4th should be left on the traditional days but the others should follow the federal dates to save on the confusion."



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Ribbon Winners

Recently, students representing the St. Agnes Foreign Language Department came away from the St. Bonaventure University Language Day competitions with numerous awards. First row: Claudia Mejia received a white ribbon for artwork and Joan Geedy a blue ribbon for her International Foods entry; Second row: Anne Bluntzer took 2nd place red ribbon for her report on the Pre-Colombian Indians in America; Theresa Mazza, white ribbon for artwork; Robin Finn, blue ribbon for International Foods; Catalina Botta, 1st place blue ribbon for her pinata; Back row: Linda Latus, 2nd place red ribbon for artwork; Becky Marlin, Mary Kay Jones and Liz Flow, blue ribbons for International Foods.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Another part of Mrs. Manning's teaching day consists of covering a wide span of musical history for her students.

Music Makes the Day

By Joan M. Smith

Sunday, May 13, was a great day for Mrs. Marguerite Manning, music teacher at St. Agnes. That was the day she graduated magna cum laude from Nazareth College. Actually, she had completed her courses for her music degree with a minor in piano in January, the same month she joined the staff at St. Agnes.

Mrs. Manning directs the Glee Club, voice classes, and teaches Music History. This last course includes the study of music from its primitive origin to its modern form.

"It's a terribly fast course" said Mrs. Manning explaining about the many centuries they have to cover during the school year.

Though she has her graduation behind her, five of her voice students still have a few weeks of work ahead of them before receiving their diplomas on June 21.

Beverly Lewis, who has been soprano section leader of the Glee Club, plans to go to Monroe Community College along with her classmate Lori Roberts. Joyce Palmer will attend the University of Texas for engineering and Carlene Wilson is off to Nazareth College. When Jane Witte leaves St. Agnes, she'll be leaving a theatrical career which has spanned the years since sixth grade.

All these students have fulfilled the state requirements for a music diploma from St. Agnes — two years Glee Club and class voice lessons along with one year each of Music History and theory.

In discussing music, Mrs. Manning was adamant about the importance of having it offered to everyone not just a select few. Glee Club membership is open and she wishes more girls would take advantage of the opportunity.

"A lot of girls don't come into the Glee Club," she noted, "because they don't sing beautifully." In her view, if a person has the interest in singing, training will project that interest to a level of vocal capability.

In planning a concert



Mrs. Manning directing the voices of Lori Roberts, Jeanne Witte and Carlene Wilson.

presentation, Mrs. Manning likes a balanced program — a combination of traditional, classical and contemporary — "Easy for the public to listen to," she said.

These days her Glee Club is rehearsing for a concert to be presented on June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the school. Mrs. Manning's quest for balance is evident in the repertoire. The vocalists will be singing everything from "Ease on Down the Road", from the "Wiz", to Mozart's "Halleluia", to a

variety of musical show tunes.

RapAround asked Mrs. Manning if during her teaching and directing, she ever suddenly becomes aware that everything is just right.

"At a concert," she replied, "something about the adrenalin...there's no distractions and there's a certain attitude... maybe it's the audience."

But whatever it is she says of her students, "They do a superb job."

Art Exhibit Presented

The recent opening of the Spring Fine Arts Show at Nazareth Academy provided a colorful complement to the annual Spring Music Concert. This year the guests had the opportunity to vote for their favorite entry in the art exhibit which included works in clay and plaster; painting; pencil and ink sketching; macrami and weaving. The "People's Choice Award" was won by sophomore Patti Austin for her Tempera painting.

Musical participation in the event was by the Nazareth Band, Freshman Chorus and Persian Choir.

Students Help Red Cross

On Tuesday, May 15, the Red Cross Bloodmobile was at Cardinal Mooney High School for the Donor 17 program. With the cooperation of the Mooney students, 174 pints of blood was collected for the program.

Coordinators for the project were Anne Marie Cason, Jeffrey Swiatek, Karla Kuhn, Sean Phelan, Lori Prinziavalli and Armand Gaetano. The Red Cross organization is moderated by Mrs. Florence Selmeier, school nurse.

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